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REPORT

TOPIC Gadow-Rossow Bomb Range

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18 February 1955

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following observations were made at Gadow-Rossow bomb range between 25 December 1954 and 15 January 1955:

25 December to 7 January. No firing or bombing practices were heard from the training area. At 0730 on 5 January, a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the exit of Gadow, blocking the entrance to the training field.

8 January. At 0800, a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was seen at the exit of Gadow. Between 0900 and 1230, individual aircraft were heard flying at high altitudes and bomb detonations were heard from the direction east of Gadow. The bombs were dropped through a 10/10 ceiling. From the sound of engines it was assumed that the aircraft were Il-28s. At 1500, the sentry was picked up by truck which came from the direction of Rossow and returned in the same direction. 25X1

9 to 11 January. No training activity was observed at the field.

12 January. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the exit of Gadow. A MiG-15 crossed over the field during the morning. The detonations of individual bombs were heard from the direction of Rossow.

13 to 15 January. During the morning, a sentry was observed at the exit of Gadow. Only on 15 January between 1300 and 1600, when the possibilities of observation had deteriorated, individual Il-10s were seen approaching over Jagen (forest sub-district) 14 and 15. The aircraft dropped bombs at low level and fired with aircraft armament. They approached from the direction of Rossow and returned toward the southwest. There was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s at high altitudes. The aircraft flew individually and in elements of two.¹

2. Major Boshko (fmu) was the supply officer for the area of Gadow-Rossow training field.²

1. Comment. Gadow-Rossow training field is used by the regiments of the ground attack division in Brandenburg and by units of the Northern Ftr Corps. Blind bombing from Il-28s, which are equipped with target locating sets (radar), is possible over Gadow-Rossow bomb range because radar-target reflectors are established on the ground. The bomb practices can be controlled from the radio station near Rossow. 25X1

2. Comment. Supply officer Major Boshko who is in charge of the Gadow-Roseneck-Rossow area has previously been reported. 25X1

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